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from the PRESIDENT'S DESK



Well, It's Convention Time Again, ANA-TEC at Cincinnati, Ohio July 20-24 at the Convention Center. The TEC table this year is Number 699 in the middle of the Club Midway. We have the TEC Badge ready, only 100 made, die cancelled so get your order in to Ray Dillard, still only \$5.00 ea.

I want to thank Tom Armstrong, our Vice President for taking care of the TEC Table and arrangements for us at the convention. The TEC Board Meeting will be July 21st, 9:00 AM room 227 and General Meeting will be 10:00 AM in room 226. Hope to see you at the meeting. We have several nice items donated to the club for a "Club Auction". Anyone coming to the convention and wants to bring something to donate to the club, please feel free to do so. We appreciate it. With increase in postage this helps keep our treasury in good shape so we won't have to raise dues.

I want to thank Don Wilkinson and Henry Bessler for coin donated in this Newsletter. Also want to thank Mrs. Marie Trinny for 2 different types of Elongated, both go back about 20 years so are really collectors items and will be in the "Goodie Bags" we will give out at the meeting. Also want to thank Ginnie Aldridge for her donation for "Goodie Bag"

Am glad to report I have sold most of the "Chet Rogers" collection and have sent Mrs. Rogers another check. What is left I may bring to the convention and maybe some members can look it over after the meeting. Response was very good and I know "Chets" wife appreciates it. Got a very nice letter from her a couple weeks ago.

Have finished my treatments and hope to be on road to recovery by convention time and looking forward to seeing you in Cincinnati.

I want to also say "Thanks" to all the members who have been sending in articles for the Newsletter. We had some left over again this time as I want to hold to 20 pages if possible because of postage. Will use some in the Special Edition for the ANA convention. Anyone who wants to have a FREE ad in the Convention issue, send it to me By July 10th. No later! Have to get the issue done by the 20th so this is cutting it close. Keep those articles coming. I like having some left instead of worrying how I am going to fill up the Newsletter. Thanks again.

Frank

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"AN INTERVIEW WITH MOUNT ST. HELENS"

by

Roy S. Fowler, Sr.

"Good evening ladies and gentlemen, this is KNOW YOUR WORLD and I am your host, Noe Ital. Tonight, through the magic of modern communications and the hard work of a team of technicians with microphones and cameras on location, we take great pleasure in bringing you MOUNT ST. HELENS!"

HOST - "Hello Mount St. Helens, can you hear us?"

GUEST - "Yes, I can hear you very well. Your people here have explained what is happening. I haven't had so much exposure since the big eruption in---let's see, that was in 1980 wasn't it?"

HOST - "Yes, the one that was in the news of the world took place on May 18, 1980."

GUEST - "Seems like only yesterday. It is difficult for me to keep track of those things. I have been erupting and rumbling for about 37,000 years."

HOST - "I'm not sure how they pinpoint eruption dates but from information I have received, a pumice layer that old has been found. They also say the cone, as it was before the 1980 eruption, was formed during the last 500 years. Is this correct?"

GUEST - "You have been doing your homework Noe. You're right. Most of the early eruptions didn't cause much excitement but to the few Indians in the area, who handed down the stories from generation to generation. It has been only since the early 1800s that accounts of the eruptions have been recorded. The first was by a Dr. Gairdner in 1835. He had many opportunities to witness eruptions because I had been active from 1831 through 1857. Once I left $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of ash at The Dalles, 65 miles away."

HOST - "Sounds as if you had been preparing for your 1980 eruption early."

GUEST - "Yes, and it seems to run in cycles. One activity building on another until something of consequence happens. Take the 1980 activity for instance; it started on March 20 with a rumble of 4.1 on the Richter scale, then on the 22nd, 4.3 and on the 23rd, 3.75. By the 25th earthquakes were shaking the area every few minutes. March 27th was the beginning of the end of a 123 year nap of the dome when a crater opened in the

ice near the summit. The evening was filled with additional eruptions throwing rock and steam into the sky. The next day a second opened near the first. The eruptions continued until they caused the two to join, forming a single crater 1500 feet wide, 2000 feet long and 500 feet deep. The dimensions must have been estimated by aerial observers, as I'm sure no one was around with a tape measure to do the job. Would you say?"

HOST - "When all this was happening there were many observers and photographers around so possibly someone took photos and computed it."

GUEST - "More than likely. It makes sense anyway. Then on April 3rd I started a different type of activity known as a harmonic tremor. This is a vibration resulting from movement of magma deep in the earth. This continued spasmodically causing steam and ash eruptions all through April and into the first half of May. The tremors caused the North slope to bulge. In places at the rate of 4 to 5 feet a day. Finally, at 8:32 A.M. on the 18th of May, 1980 an earthquake registering 5.1 shook the bulge loose causing one of the largest known landslides on record. It has been computed to have been over one half cubic mile of earth, boulders, pebbles, sand and glacial ice. Someone saw the entire North flank churning and rippling moments before the slide. Part of it went into Spirit Lake raising the lake bed some 180 feet. Another part swooped over the 1200 foot high Johnston Ridge 5 miles North leaving debris on top of the ridge. However, the bulk of the avalanche was deflected West down the North Fork Toutle River. Observers say the avalanche traveled 15 miles in about 10 minutes. The result was a covering of the valley floor to an average depth of 150 feet and as much as 500 feet in some places. The deposit covers a total area of approximately 24 square miles."

HOST - "This must have taken place just before the major eruption."

GUEST - "Right. The avalanche released the plug that had been holding the pressure in the dome. This caused a tremendous horizontal blast to the North somewhat like removing the cork from a well-shaken bottle of soda. The hot gas, ash and rock laid waste an area about 150 square miles. Traveling at 200 miles an hour it stripped trees from the hillsides 6 miles North and levelled almost all the vegetation as far away as 13 miles, fanning out into a 180 degree arc. Then left a 4 inch thick deposit of sandy material on an area of about 25 square miles."

HOST - "Was this when the huge cloud formed?"

GUEST - "Yes, the avalanche left a huge crater on the North flank and when the throat was cleared, it let loose with what is known as a Plinian

column that reached into the atmosphere more than 12 miles. The prevailing wind, to the East-Northeast, blew the cloud on its journey that eventually circled the earth."

HOST - "I had heard that, but how do you know it circled the earth?"

GUEST - "The cloud took about two weeks to make the journey but was detected and followed all the way by scientists. After all, there were many tons of material floating in the air."

HOST - "Can you tell us, in terms we can understand, about the cloud?"

GUEST - "The column produced lightning which started many forest fires. It also caused darkness in the middle of the day for distances of over 125 miles East. The farmers in the Great Plains were astounded to see ash falling from the sky. It isn't often parts of Washington falls on farms in the Dakotas, right?"

HOST - "R-i-g-h-t. They probably thought the sky was falling. Come to think of it, there must have been a huge amount of ash. Know how much?"

GUEST - "Oh, yes, it was computed almost immediately. During the 9 hours of furious activity about 540 million tons of ash fell in an area of more than 22,000 square miles. If compacted, this would make a solid rock about .05 cubic mile. Doesn't sound like much but it was about 10% as much as the material that made up the avalanche. I know it must be difficult to imagine how large a rock those figures make so to help, they have established Visitors Centers nearby with photos and aids of all kinds. Anyone planning a vacation in the Northwest should plan a day at the centers or a couple days in the mountain area. The centers have information not only about the eruption, but the results and the repairs being made by Man and Nature. For more information the Mount St. Helens Volcanic Monument Visitors Center at 3029 Spirit Lake Highway, Castle Rock, WA. 98611 will help.

HOST - "Thank you for the information. I'm sure many would like to know more than we can give them at an interview such as this. What else would you like to tell us?"

GUEST - "A term you may have heard is 'Lahar'. This is Indonesian and means the volcanic material that flows down the slopes. It is a mixture of volcanic debris and water and looks like wet cement. Another term used is 'Pyroclastic'. From the Greek words meaning Broken Fire. Pyroclastic flows are composed of hot gases, magma, and old volcanic rock and whatever else gets in the way. It moves down the slopes at speeds up to 100 miles an hour. Depending on the slope. I could go on describing the different components of the eruption but I'm sure you have other questions on your mind."



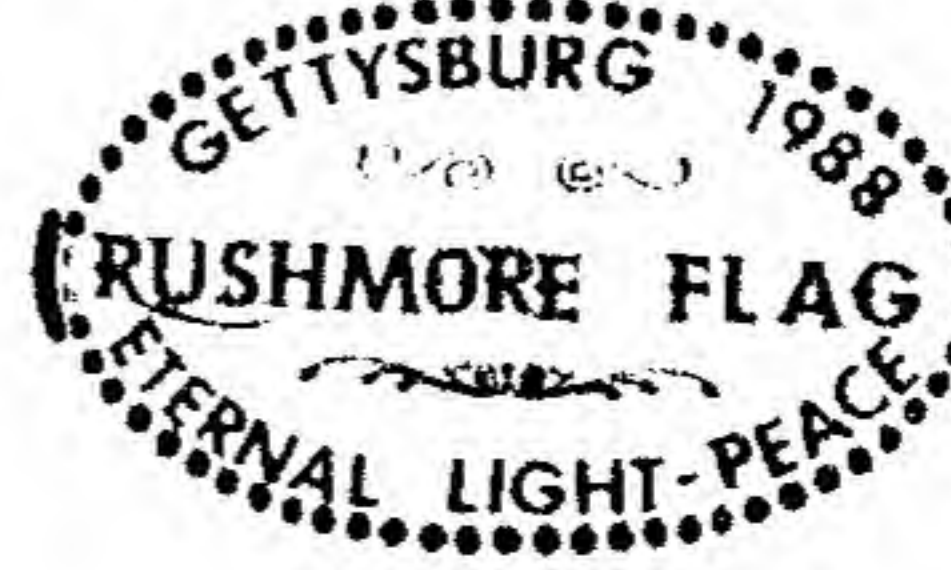
HOST - "Yes, I do. Other than the damage to the flora and fauna of the area, what can you tell us about other damage?"

GUEST - "I knew you would eventually ask. Certainly there was much damage to other than flora and fauna. I'm sorry to say there were 35 casualties and at least 25 persons still missing. Although most of these were warned of the danger they insisted on being in the area. I'm sorry about their mishap, but----. They estimate some 2 million birds, animals and fish were killed. The Department of Fisheries has begun a program of restocking and the larger wildlife has begun to infiltrate the destroyed area. So have many of the smaller animals, insects and birds. Given a few more years there should be a return to the previous beauty. The mudflows and flooding destroyed or damaged approximately 300 homes. Logging operations took a beating. Huge trucks and equipment were tossed around like toys. Recreation area were devastated, roads disappeared and bridges destroyed. However, man and nature are making changes to the better. Dams have been built, and more are in the works. A method of lowering Spirit Lake has been developed and much of the mud and ash flow has been removed from the rivers downstream into and including the Columbia. Now they are permitting mountain climbing again and there are exciting trails and natural formations to visit. Like Ape Cave and many viewing areas. Oh, by the way, if you are planning a visit, you are advised not to remove rocks or plants. That's a no=no."

HOST - "Thanks for reminding us. This is now a National Volcanic Monument and is to be treated kindly. Any last words Mount St. Helens?"

GUEST - "Before you go, I would like to mention one obvious sight of interest. The dome building going on in the crater. The avalanche and the large eruption scoured the area around the crater and subsequent smaller activity brought lava to the surface which, being thick and pasty, quickly congealed, building what is now a dome 835 feet high and 3300 feet in diameter. At that rate it will be 200 years before the dome reaches the height it was before the eruption. Although I have been quiet for some time now, I'm not sure when the next eruption will be, nor do I know how big it will be, or even if there will be one. I will say this; all activity is monitored and if anything looks potentially dangerous everyone will be notified. You are invited to visit me, view me, climb me and admire me, but---respect me!"

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"The Unlisted Doodlebug"

Fifty Four Years have gone by, since the closing of "A Century Of Progress" international exposition (Chicago Worlds Fair) 1933-1934 and the Doodlebug Elongate has not surfaced.

According to David Singer (The rolling machine's supervisor) the Doodlebug was a kiddies ride that are usually found at any amusement park.

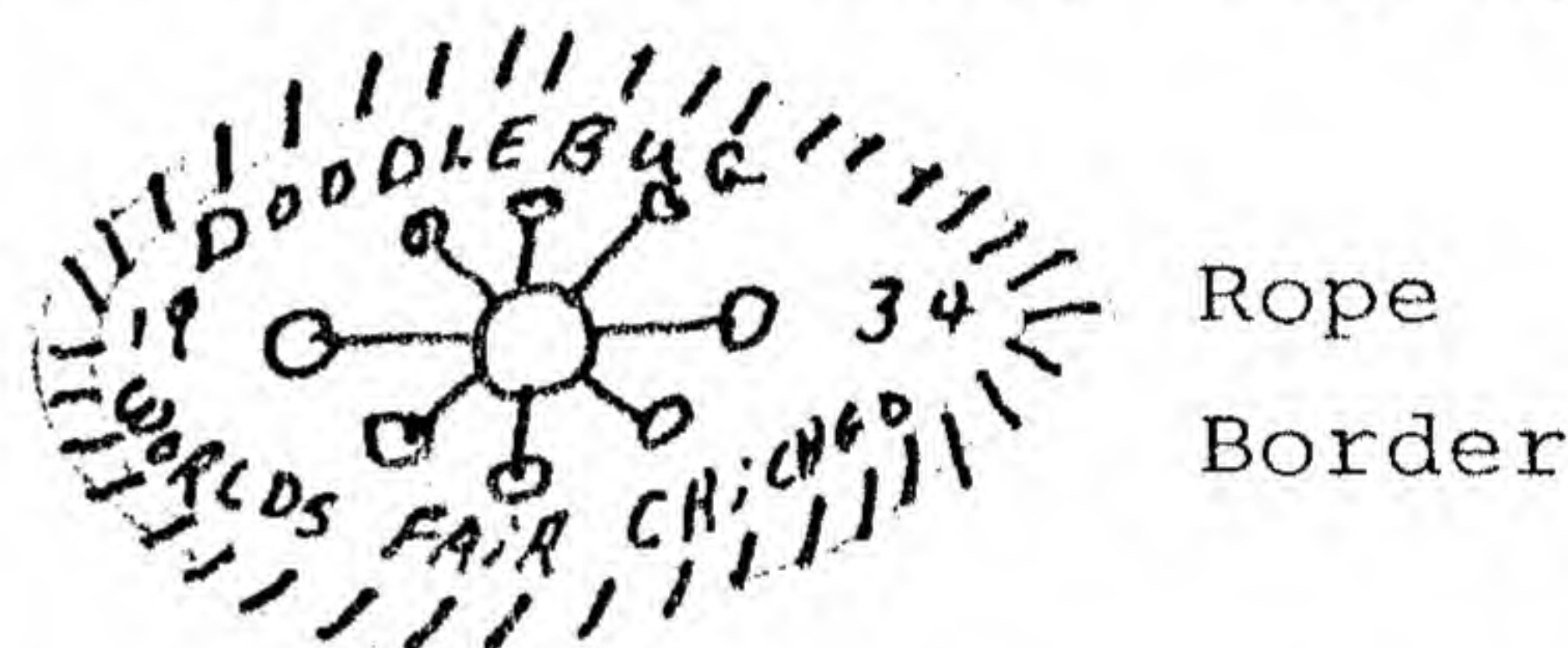
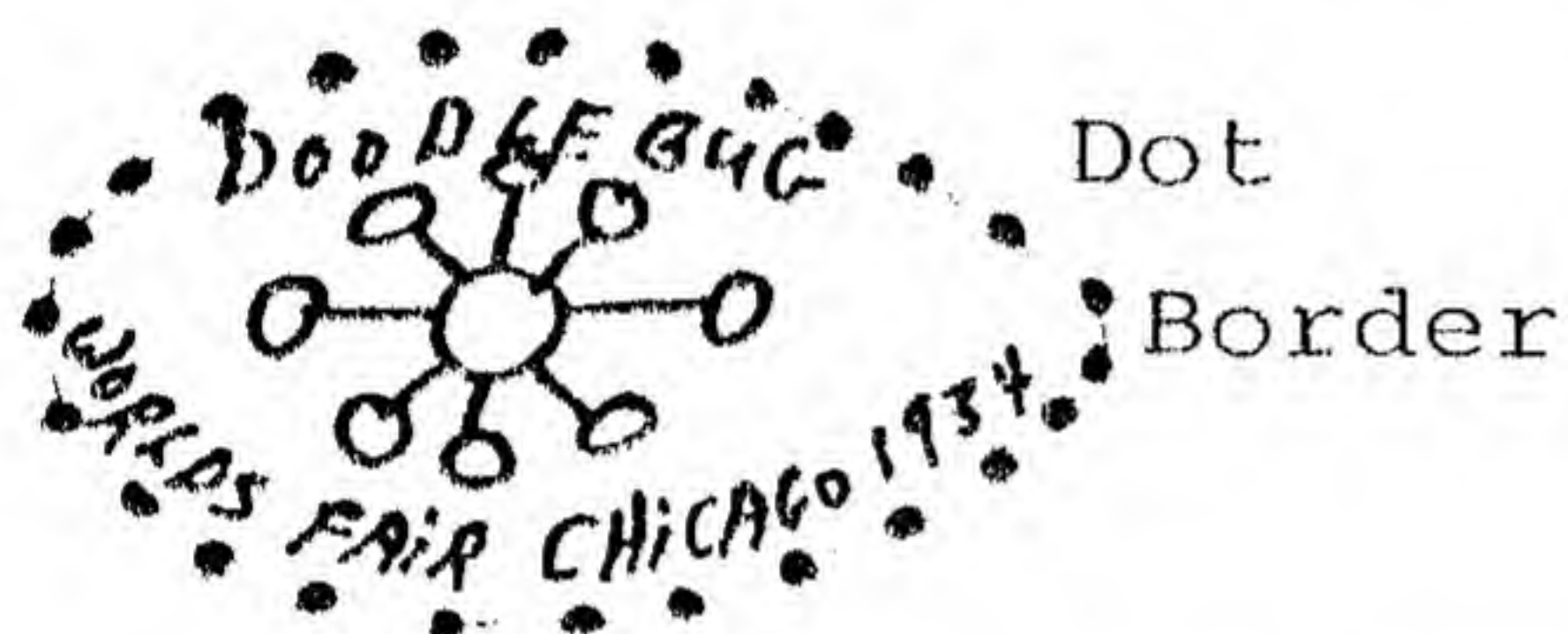
In my opinion it could be 6 to 12 cars, made up to look like a bug, and moved around in a circle.

The Doodlebug Elongated was not a popular seller, and like many others it was dropped. The dies were ground off and the steel roll was re-engraved for another attraction.

Yesterday's Elongated" Book by Lee Martin and Dottie Dow, mentions that roller, Maurice Ferman sold 42 Doodlebug coins on June 4th and 54 more on June 5 of 1934, which totals only 96 in two days.

Years later David Singer met Maurice Ferman in a dentist's office, talked about the old times, and discovered that neither one of them kept a Doodlebug Elongate.

If one follows the (C.P.I.E.) elongate engraving style, a couple sketches could be drawn. I will attempt to recreate what a Doodlebug may appear to look like



This rough sketch may look something like what they look. Anyway, it will have to do until we find one. Anyone out there seen anything like these??

The principle of Supply and demand determines the value of any item, whether it's a coin, token, elongate. IF the supply is high and the demand is low then the price will be low. On the other hand, if the supply is low and the demand is high then the price will be high. In some cases it doesn't matter if supply is high or low, if there is no demand then the price will be low or priced as a common item. Anyone who can furnish information on the above coin, please write me as I am very interested to see what a real Doodlebug coin looks like. Anyone who has seen one and can furnish any information I will appreciate.

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The Stretched-Out Collector

Until about a year ago, I was, like most collectors of officially issued coinage, disdainful of most exnumia. Then I began acquiring a few Hard Times Tokens as an adjunct of Large Cent Collecting. Then last autumn I saw an ad for an elongated Century of Progress coin which was rolled on a 1909-s Lincoln Cent at a price of \$13.00 Preposterous, I thought. Why would anyone mash flat such a scarce coin? But a little further thought suggested that it might have been a damaged coin, or an altered coin. Or it might have been rolled at a time when 1909-S VDB's were selling slowly at .50¢ each, as they were about 1939.

Then I wondered, what had the reverse of the coin looked like? Could it have had that intriguing VDB at the bottom? It could have been pulled out of someones pocket at the CPIE in 1933 or 1934. So much for "what might have been"

Well, I ordered the elongated, but it had been sold. That same day I went to a bourse where dealer friend showed me a batch of stuff he'd just bought. There were some Columbian Exposition Medals, which I collect, and a couple of elongateds of 1893. I bought one as a companion piece to a medal. It was rolled on a cent of 1889.

That was my first elongate, and it was purchased, as I might say, with my left hand.

In the next couple months I bought a few more squashed coins commemorating fairs and expositions to expand and enrich the interest in the medals I had. Then I saw an article in "Coin World" about TEC, and I learned it means "The Elongated Collector" the phrase conjured visions of stretched-out numismatists, relaxed, perhaps slenderized.

This had a refreshing aura about it. Collectors of US Federal coinage hardly furnish an image of relaxation. It is rather one of torment, grading confusion, and high prices, even bankruptcy. Having seen the ad I instantly fired off \$5.00 to Ray Dillard for a membership. I sent a money order, as I sensed that he did not want filthy US currency cluttering up his home.

Since that time I have received two issues of the "News" and I have had some good reading from it. Also I have ordered some books, items from the Chet Rogers estate, and various elongates, all in one way or another through the club. I have now read "Yesterdays Elongateds" and having read the Bert Samsa's article on "Elongated Reference Material" I see that there is much more reading ahead for me. If I can find the books.

Besides elongates of Fairs and Expositions, I have acquired several numismatically-related ones. I collect rolled-outs of Coin Clubs, societies, associations, and personals. These have become a fascinating complement to my other collecting specialties, which are primarily, US Large Cents, Civil War Tokens, and Ancients.

Specialists in these series don't seem to hanker after elongates, but I understand that many are casting about for something to collect which will not drive them into the poorhouse.

Maybe I can spread the word a bit.

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Where Have All The Oldies Gone?? T.E.C. News Story by "Doug" Fairbanks SR.

As a "gung-ho" elongated coin collector, it has always been my deep, dark secret to complete an oldies collection as per the Martin-Dow reference book. Sans the Lords Prayer Issues, even though I do have many of them. Is it a physical or financial impossibility, or just a good dream to entertain? For many years, too numerous to mention, I have dilligently plotted through coin shows, antique shows, flea markets, garage sales, gun shows, antique shops, and the like. I have purchased complete collections from others, bought out dealers and rollers stocks, entered mail bid sales, traveled with individulas, heavily advertised in numerous "rag-Papers", ect., and still many of the oldies continue to evade me and my personal collection. Is it possible that some were such limited mintage that they have totally disappeared, either into another collection, or just plain thrown away many years ago?

If it were not for my attempting to keep up with the many modern issues, I doubt that the hobby would hold any intrigue for me. I guess the fun and anticipation of locating a missing oldie will always remain somewhere inside, although it does seem to become frustrating at times.

I wonder if other collectors have ever had the same or similar personal feelings? Lets see some of our TEC Members express them-selves via a TEC news story. I here-by await reading same.

Went To A Coin Show With Ten Bucks!!

Gary E. Glise

Rochester, N.Y.

It was a dull overcast Sunday morning, nothing in the paper or on TV or even the radio. But paper had an article, "Coin Show" holiday Inn airport today, 10-5", Oh what the heck. Get my Martin-Dow reference Book out, kiss the wife, say by to the boys, pat the dog on the head and I'm gone.

Getting out to the car, better check my funds- 10 bucks, "Thats It" Thought I had more, but you know how it goes. Got to show, walked around fairly sad, no money, no one has any elongateds, then I spot this one old dealer who sometimes has a few elongateds, most of the time, dont, oh well, no harm in asking, "Ah yes; I think I might have a page or two" but a guy was just by and bought a bunch of em". "My heart goes up then sinks. So I sat down and start looking not expecting to find anything I could use muchless afford. Then Boom!, a MO. SLWF-23, it stood out because it was in silver, not a copper cent. But now the price, it took me three looks at that before it sank in, \$7.50. Not \$75.00, but only \$7.50. In some cases I might ask a dealer if that is the best price he can do. Wrong this time. I pulled out my wallet and dug through it like I was trying to find something small enough to pay for it. I got my \$2.50 back and left the show. It is only two miles from the airport to home but I don't remember the drive. I was on cloud nine all the way home with the sun on my brow and the wind on my back. There are still some oldies out there!! Just keep looking!!

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Thank you. "Doug" Fairbanks Sr. 5937 Beadle Drive, Jamesville, N.Y. 13078

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. ELONGATEDS OLD AND NEW.

By Jack Wilcox. TEC #332

My collection still lacks six older elongateds: N J ac #1-#3-#4-#6a-#10-#11 from the famous Atlantic City shore amusement area. I wonder where some of these could be hiding? I have four different Lord's Prayer elongateds with celluloid tags that read: SOUVENIR of ATLANTIC CITY & STEEPLECHASE PIER-(torn down for the new casino era). My NJ ac#6 is also tagged but reads: SOUVENIR of ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.. The date 1942 can be made out on one of the L.P. elongateds which leads me to believe the 1940's was the end of the older issues. I also have a REL xxx#2-St. Christopher with a tag one end hole and ring the other end. "Yesterday's Elongateds" lists N J ac #12 with this tag-see page 87. The older issues really fun to seek and rewarding to find.

The year 1970 marked the 100th. Anniversary of Atlantic City Boardwalk and two elongateds were designed that I know of. One by BCS- Bruce sumners the other by M M elongateds. Bruce (BCS) also rolled a 1971 issue for the Atlantic County Coin Club's 9th. show, held in Atlantic City. No doubt these can still be found on Doug Fairbanks list for a small price.

In 1978 Atlantic City's first legal casino Resorts International opened on May 26th. A new era begins! Last nights news shows Merv Griffin as the new owner of Resorts. I have only found two 1978 elongateds. (1) MILLION DOLLAR PENNY \$1,000,000 FROM ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.-dotted border-vertical roll. (2) ATLANTIC CITY CASINO GAMBLING-(dollar sign-2 cards-2 dice) 1978 NEW JERSEY-wire border rolled vertically. Perhaps other issues were made to promote this new gambling era but I've yet to hear of any from the New Jersey collectors. I do know a rolling machine was on the boardwalk because a buddy bought one from This operator for me. I was never able to locate a roller myself and have been to the casinos on several occasions.

The 1980's produced a few issues. I have four of the Atlantic City Tour coins rolled by Chet Rogers for the Garden State Numismatic Association, 1981-1982-1983-1984. These are listed as tokens from Cherry Hill, N.J. in the A.V.A. book as N.J.150A*B*C* D. These were used on the tour to Atlantic City from the Coin Convention. No doubt others were made which I failed to get.

I have two other 1986 & 1987 issues -MISS ATLANTIC CITY PAGENT and a new Atlantic City casino lucky souvenir elongated. Perhaps a roller was again on the boardwalk for the famous Beauty Pagent. From my experience elongated rollers are very hard to locate. I did manage to use the self-serve machine at the Seattle Space Needle back in 1984 while at a American Ex-Prisoners of War convention. The two new issues mentioned above should still be available.

Sorry I forgot to include my address in my last article for those of you who may have wanted the elongated in the title. Some still available. Write to 310 Washington Place North Brunswick, N.J.-08902. Bonus elongated included with each order. Please remember Self-Stamped- Addressed -Envelope. Thanks.

Jack Wilcox.

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I guess I should kind of call this a partial reply to page 22 of the last newsletter (Jan-Feb-March 1988). To begin with I do not want this to sound like criticism but just another point of view. When and what got me started collecting elongates was an elongate of the 1939 Worlds Fair that I got when I attended as a youngster. However, I did not start collecting until 1978. That is a 39 year gap between the two dates. Now my point is this, that if when I started to collect in 1978 I did not purchase the so called "moderns" I sincerely doubt that I would be collecting today. Yes, I went through the same things as asking dealers if they had any elongates and having them look at me with a quizzical look on their face. There not knowing what I was talking about I figure I educated many of them and even some that thought they knew about elongates. Now, a collector of elongates, especially the new and the fairly new collector must realize that the old elongates are in the hands of the older collectors and who knows how many there are or were made. As a result when a dealer gets a hold of an elongate, whether a "modern" or an "oldie" he puts a high price on it due to a small market and not enough knowledge about the item (from my experience so far). He thinks it is so scarce that it commands a high price. A few years ago I paid a high price for some "oldie" elongates and after reviewing in my mind what I had paid for these I realized that I paid too much and why I did was because I was hungry to add "oldies" to my collection. Then one day I said to myself, am I missing the boat by passing up the "moderns". My answer was "yes", because there are many "moderns" that will become tomorrows scarce "oldies". One other point is to enjoy the collecting experience and not let it become just another "investors market" and price collectors out of the hobby. I for one want to enjoy collecting like I used to when I collected coins before the investor market took over, and now collections must be kept in bank vaults due to the fear of breakins (yes, I went through one of those). There are many "rollers" that are producing some really nice "modern" elongates that are worthy of adding to your collection. As a roller myself I came out with my exclusive Elong-coin-cards to make the collecting of elongates an enjoyable, educational and interesting collectable experience. I am proud of the history that my elongates depict and record for the years to come. I keep them at an affordable price for everyone to obtain and add to their collection. I have been slowed down recently due to illness but I anticipate resuming production of some more interesting Elong-coin-cards plus some more very interesting items. Some of those items will be my new Mini-Elong-Coin-Cards and the newest Elong-Flip-Card. As a closing to this article may I offer this suggestion to all of you, to enjoy the hobby, don't limit yourself, keep all options open, enjoy the many beautiful "moderns" along with the "oldies". Remember todays "moderns" may well be tomorrows "oldies".

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A few older T.E.C. Badges Available. 1974,- 1975,- 1978,- 1984,- 1986,- 1987 and one old 1970 left. Only \$5.00 ea. while they last. Write: Frank Brazzell, 53 So. 20th St., Terre Haute, IN. 47803

Did You Know?? The California Elongated Collectors Club issued there own Elongated Quarter Badge simular to the T.E.C. Badges! Well they did. I have a first year of Issue 1970 Badge for only \$5.00. I also have a 2nd year of Issue 1971 Badge for only \$5.00 and I have a Third Year Badge for only \$5.00 These are the only 3 years I have seen. Are there others?? Will sell these badges at \$5.00 each, first come basis. Only one's I have seen. Order now. Frank Brazzell, 53 So. 20th. St., Terre Haute, IN. 47803 P.S. IF anyone knows how many were made or how many years these were issued why not send us a story on them. Should be interesting for our readers.

HOW I GOT INTERESTED IN
ELONGATED COINS

About four years ago I became a born again coin collector, and "Jack's Westbank Coins", of New Orleans became the focal point for me to obtain coins and collecting supplies.

In mid-1985 when browsing in Jack's shop, I noted a large tin commercial potato chip can with 15 to 20 bags, each containing anywhere from 10 to 100 elongated coins.

Jack had taken in the chip can with the elongated coins from a person who said he was painting an apartment in New Orleans, when he ran across the can of coins in a closet. This person received permission to keep the can and coins, and later decided to sell the lot.

I poured over this batch of elongated coins on many occasions as a matter of curiosity, picking out a few to give to friends or keep for myself, then I took 50 with a Christmas message to put in our Xmas Cards. Later on I went through the entire batch pulling out one of each which turned out to be over 80 different! Upon seeing elongateds in the Coin World and Numismatic News, I wrote to John Spadone, Doug Fairbanks, Ray Dillard and Frank Brazzell to get information about the world of elongated coins. All these gentlemen were generous, with their time and encouragement including back issues of the TEC News. Soon I was smitten and joined TEC!

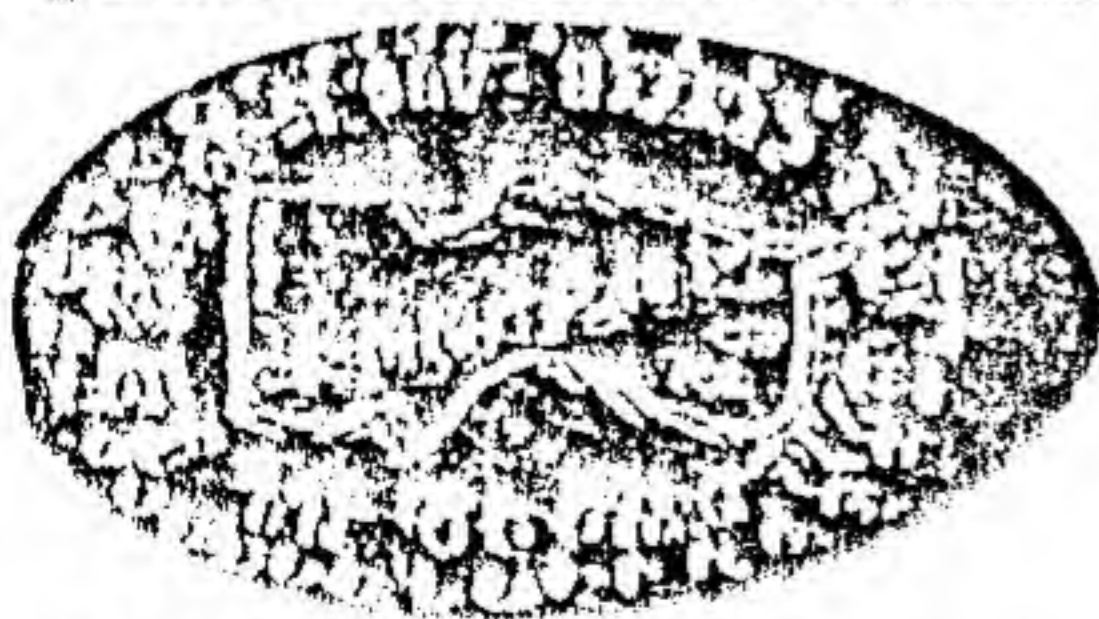
I ended up getting the entire lot of Jack's potato chip can of elongateds, trading him an office refrigerator for them. I still don't know who's they originally were, the coins appear to have been rolled by Mark Wright and/or Dave True in the 1980-82 era. Many were off center and could have been rejects of these two street rollers. Anyway, I am now deep into the hobby, having conceptually designed several coins myself and my collection is over 1500 different. I get great pleasure sending out coins and notes to others, sharing our hobby. Sure gives you lots of action in the mail box! What got you interested?

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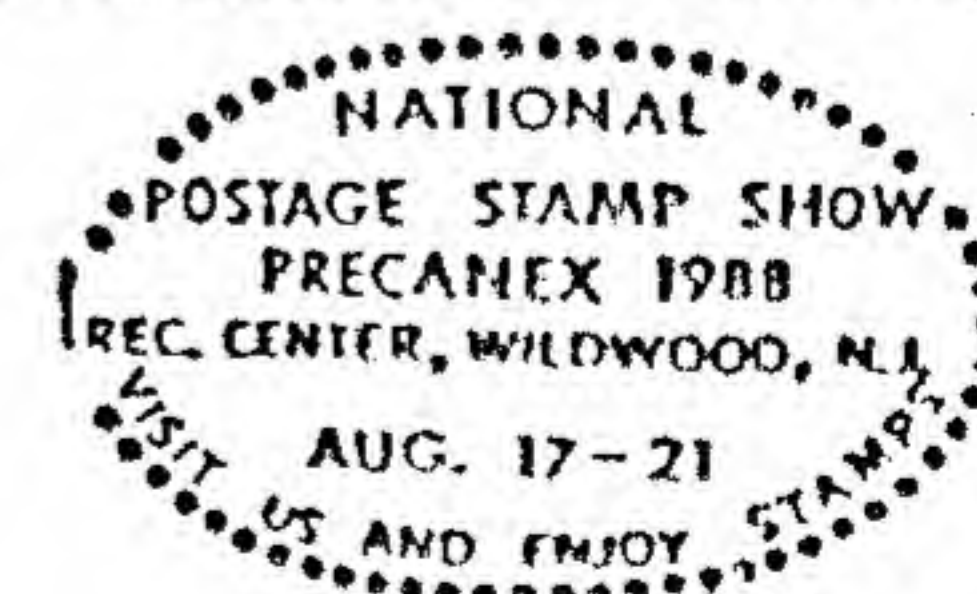
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ELONGATED PENNIES FOR PRECANEX
1984 or 1988 - - \$1.25 POSTED
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Error on Date in Last ISSUE. 6th Annual National ATCO Token & Medal Show, Ramada Inn Airport, Abbott Dr. & Locust, Omaha, NE. Sept. 3rd & 4th. 1988 Sat. 10-7, Sun. 9-5. Buyers, Sellers-Traders will be manning tables. For Show INFO, write: George Hosek, 7411 Idledale Lane, Omaha, NE. 68112-Phone 402-455-1905

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News Release

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ELONGATED'S GO IN VETERANS ADMINISTRATION TIME CAPSULE

GEORGE ALEXANDER, ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR, LOAN GUARANTY SERVICE, VETERANS ADMINISTRATION, WASHINGTON, D.C., INCLUDED 10 ELONGATEDS IN A 20TH CENTURY TYPE SET THAT HE AND ANOTHER COLLECTOR MR. GUY S. WILSON ASSEMBLED AND PRESENTED TO MR. MAX CLELAND, ADMINISTRATOR OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR INCLUSION IN THE VA'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY TIME CAPSULE. THIS CAPSULE WILL BE STORED IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE U.S. IN WASHINGTON, WITH INSTRUCTIONS FOR OPENING IN THE YEAR 2030 ON VA'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY.

THE ELONGATEDS INCLUDED IN THE SET WERE:

GEORGIA - 180 YEARS 1788-1968

SPIRIT OF 76

PEACE

VOTE DEMOCRATIC

MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR

FIRST ORBITAL SPACE FLIGHT

LORDS PRAYER

WHICH ART

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STATUE OF LIBERTY

PEARL HARBOR - USS ARIZONA MEMORIAL

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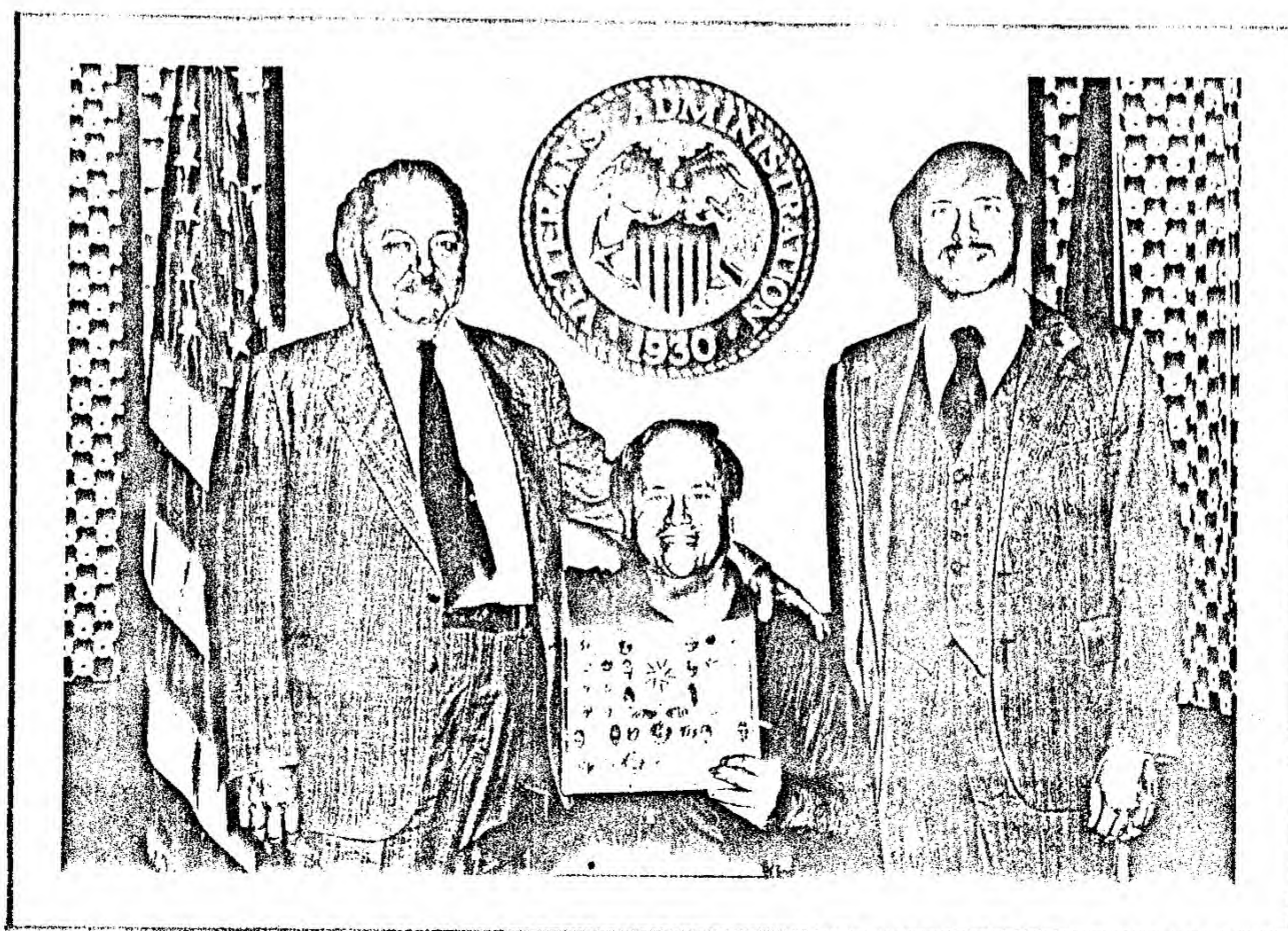
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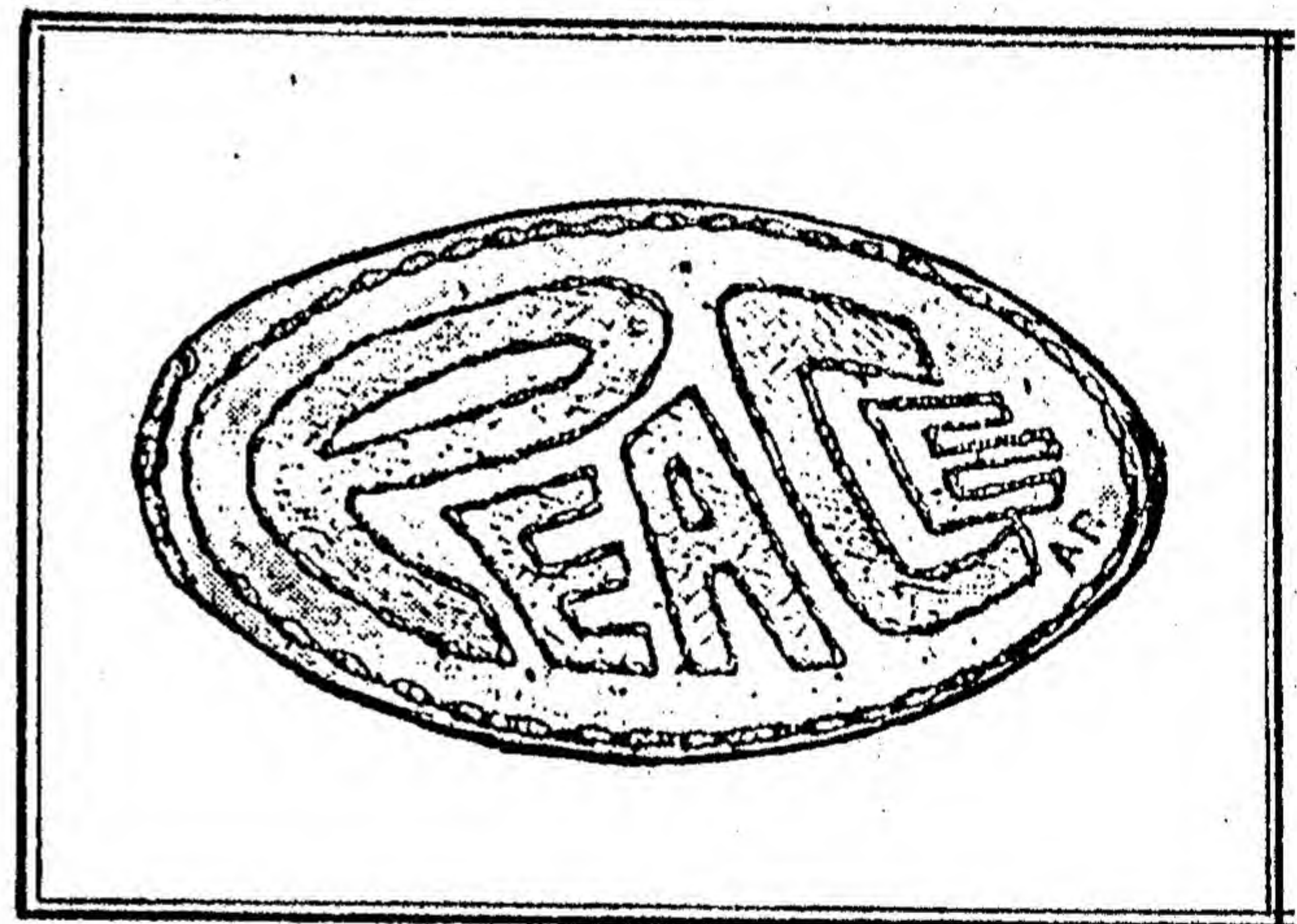
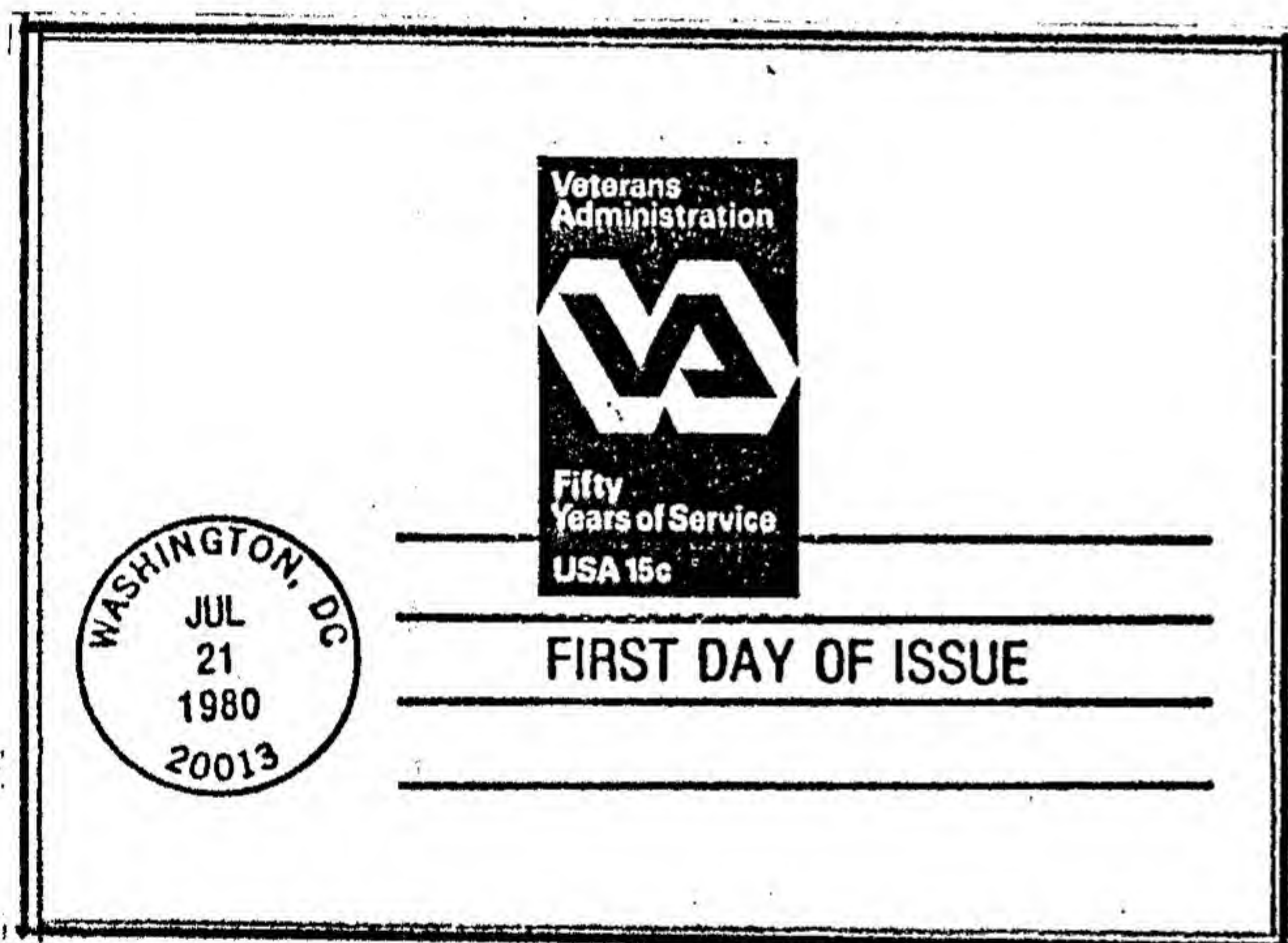


By Angelo A. Rosato

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Recently, while putting the finishing touches to Chapter 14 of my book the "THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE MODERN ELONGATED," I ran across an 8 X 10 envelope buried in a cabinet drawer under 20 pounds of elongated researched material: copies of hundreds of letters with data and information sent to me during the early years of tabulation and compiling reference matter.

On the upper left corner of the large brown envelope was printed VETERANS ADMINISTRATION. In the usual place, it was addressed to me. Quickly, with curiosity getting the best of me, I pulled out some papers, which I had completely forgotten about; inasmuch as they were sent to me in 1980!! Among the papers was a letter by George Alexander. The papers included a cancelled First Day of Issue stamp within a printed program marking the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Veterans Administration.



President Hoover, on July 21, 1930, signed an Executive Order creating the Veterans Administration. The order consolidated the Veterans Bureau, the National Home for the Disabled Volunteer Soldiers and the Bureau of Pensions. From the beginning, the VA grew to the current (in 1980) level of 176 hospitals, 58 regional offices and other satellite facilities.

Because the material sent to me by George was associated with elongated coins, I began to search through the manuscript of my book to see if I had made an entry to the facts given me. Within a very few minutes, through the coded system in my computerized index, I found the information was thoroughly documented and acknowledged in Appendix A under footnote A-1561.

Having glanced over a 1978 membership list, I found George Alexander's name listed as TEC #739. In his personal letter to me he mentioned that he had acquired several of my elongateds and praised the "fine workmanship." Of course I can't say what those kind words did for my ego, but at any rate I was delighted to know he enjoyed them. I was more than pleased when I

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realized that George had selected one of my elongateds along with nine from other producers, of which I will explain in a moment.

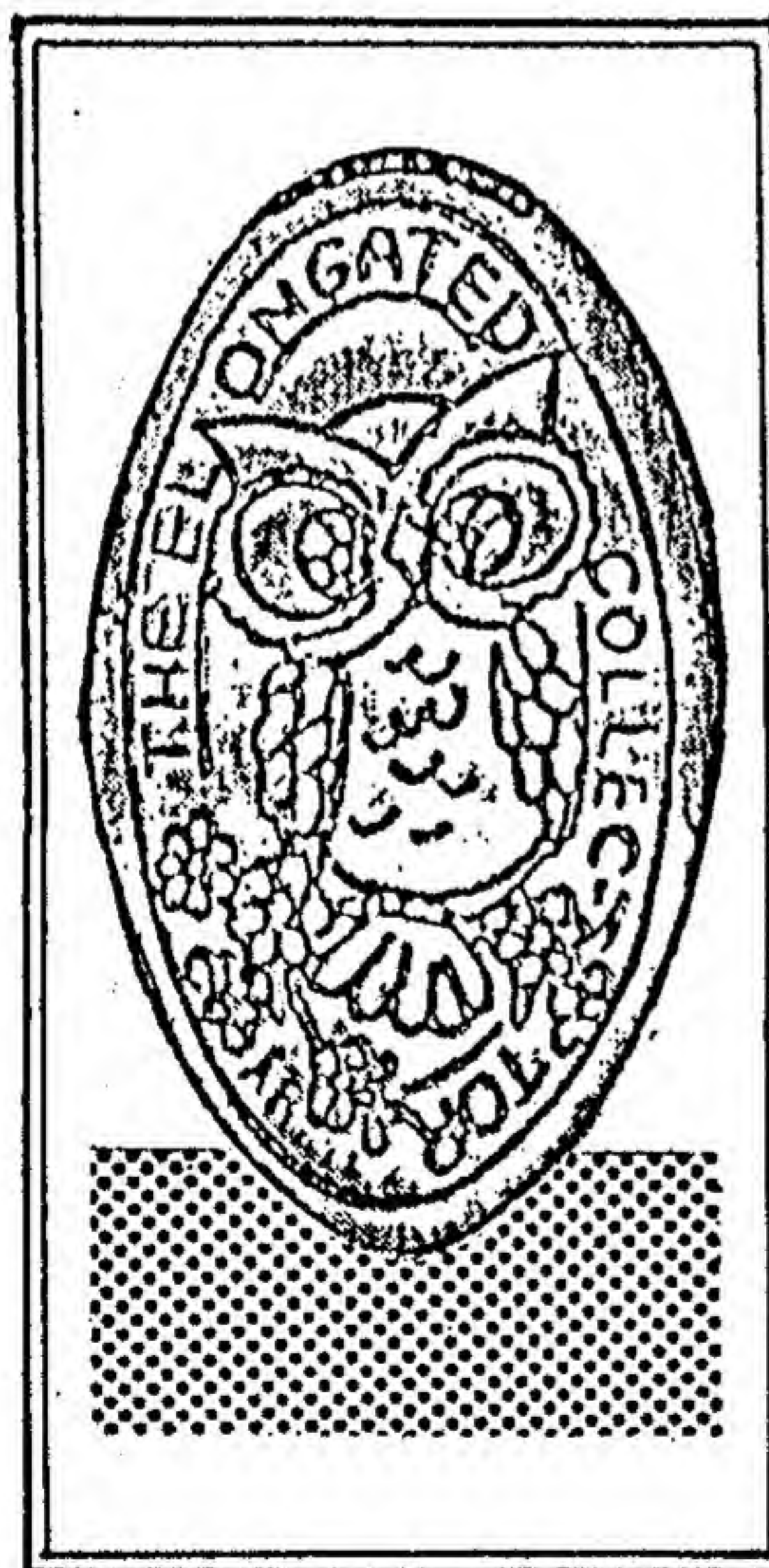
I don't know all of the details, but somehow George and a friend collector assembled a Type Set of United States coins and the 10 elongateds to be included in The VA's 50th anniversary Time Capsule (see details in the accompanied "NEWS RELEASE"). The capsule was stored in the National Archives of the United States in Washington, and will not be opened until the year 2030, celebrating the 100 anniversary of the Veterans Administration. - Of the list of elongateds from those designed and rolled by me, the "PEACE" specimen was chosen. George in his letter commented, "... and I selected this one for inclusion because we all pray for peace."

Among the papers, I had a copy of the informal hand written note I wrote in answer to George dated August 15, 1980. It was a meager short thank you with a promise to write back to him at a later time: The moment never came!

However, if George is still with us in collecting elongateds, I hope this article will express my sincere gratitude for the privilege of having one of my elongateds as part of past history in the VA. - I'm not aware if George ever notified any of the others whose pieces were selected for the capsule. I have not noticed or recall anything written in TEC NEWS about this wonderful and important gesture. If not, the names of the producers are listed in the news release. And... to George my thanks again, and in behalf of the others an additional thank you.

YOUR FORBEARANCE...PLEASE!

by Angelo A. Rosato



Someone once said "patience is a virtue." How true this has been for all of you who have awaited all these years for the release of the book (THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE MODERN ELONGATED) I began so many many years ago. The work has been a tremendous undertaking and I want to apologize for the time I've taken thus far. I do, however, understand the frustration of you as subscribers who have waited for some word that the book would be ready soon. Truly, the frustration is much greater at this end, for it's impossible to describe the involvement to put such a work together!

In the past I have intentionally avoided to make periodic reports as to the progress on the book. What I have noted soon into the project, what seemed near to the end was in effect a false vision of a completeness instead. It would have been more embarrassing to me to make such occasional accounts of any headway, which would only result in further forbearance and disappointment to you. You have endured a very long period and I promise that if and when you receive a copy of approximately 1500 pages, it will have been worth the wait.

Since January, I have completed chapters 11, 12, 13, and 14, which incidentally have been the most arduous to do; especially chapter 13 dealing with the legal aspect of using United States coinage for rolling. I am presently waiting for some information from Washington D.C. and once I get the loose ends finished, I should move more rapidly on the remaining three or four chapters. Therefore, for those of you who have never given up hope, be assured the work continues. For those who have resigned to the idea of waiting..., what can I say!!

THREE TEC'ERS AND ULYSSES S. GRANT

This is a story about three TEC good guys and Ulysses S. Grant. What pray tell you may ask, can three TEC members have in relation to the 23rd President, Ulysses S. Grant? Well it's this way!

For over the last two years I have been trying to assemble a complete set of the U.S. Presidents by Ralph Jones. I finally got down to needing only one, the Ulysses S. Grant, which proved very elusive. So I ran an offer to pay want ad in the TEC News, July-August-September 1987 edition, and promptly received a beautiful specimen from Michael Pender, who wanted no remuneration. I sent him an LPdbHDPG No. 9 in grateful thanks!

I neglected however to inform Frank Brazzel, our President and TEC News Editor of Mr. Pender's generosity and my good fortune. So Frank ran the want ad the second time in the Oct.-Nov.-Dec. 1987 edition.

The second running of the ad netted two more U.S. Grants! One from Ray Dillard, our Secretary, who said if I already had gotten one, he would like it back, so I returned his with thanks and a LPdbHDPG No. 9 for his initiative. The second Grant came from Joe Burford, Baltimore, who sent the coin with the following note;

Here is a Ulysses Grant that you are looking for. Hope you still need it. I had to wait till the guy that had it came back to the flea market. His wife was sick and he was away from the flea market for 5 months. You can send me your list and I will pick one from it, this one only cost 50¢. All I need is one of yours to replace it.

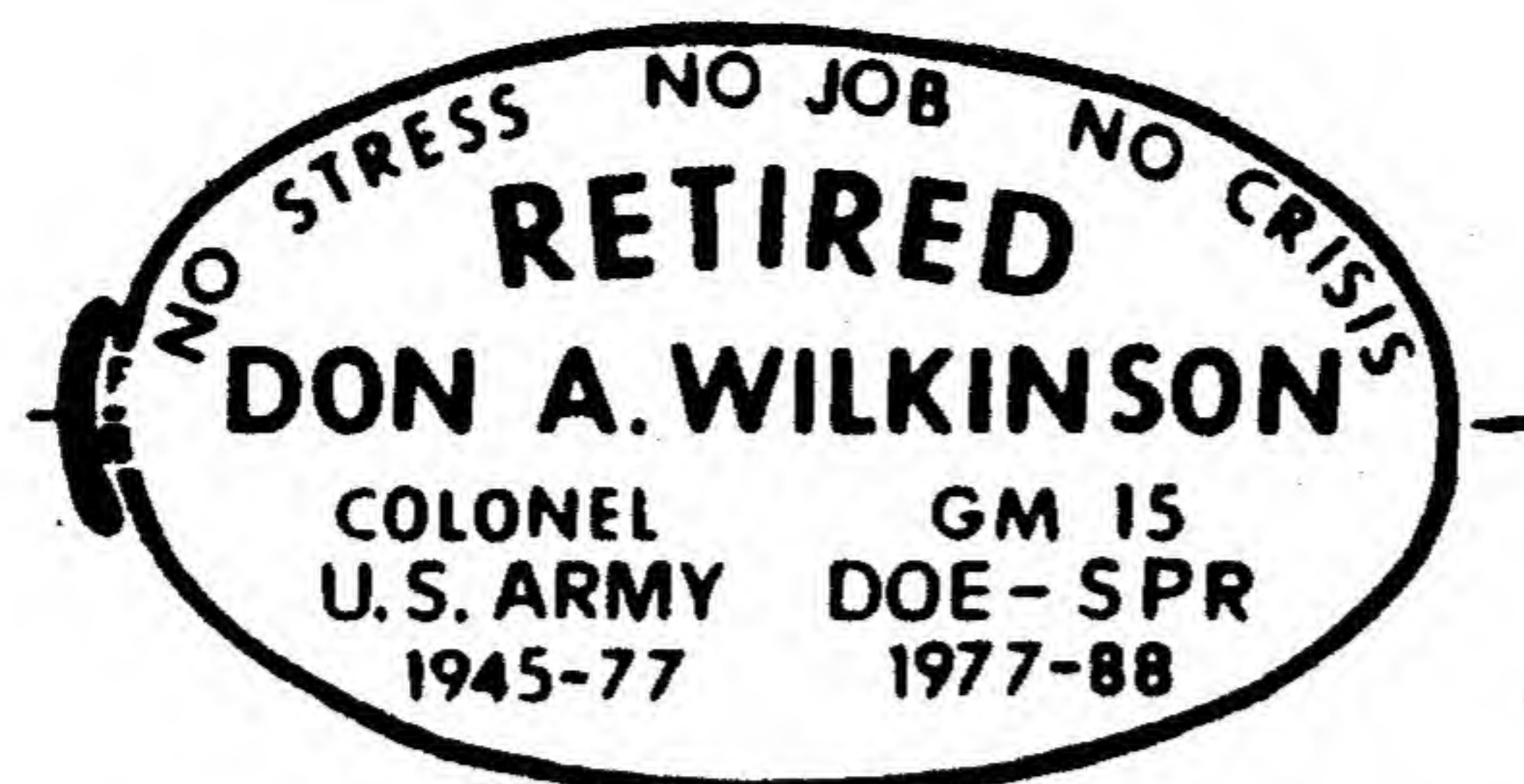
Of course he was promptly sent replacement coins including a LPdbHDPG No. 9.

The point of this story is this, here are three different TEC members who responded to my call for a U.S. Grant by Ralph Jones and all did it at their expense of time and effort, in an act of thoughtfulness and giving to accommodate a fellow collector.

I am indeed touched and grateful and want to say "Thank You" to all of them for contributing to the completion of my set of the Ralph Jones Presidents Series. I shall always think of these three generous TEC'ers as I review my elongated coin collection.

WANTED - BUY OR TRADE: Danny Crabb's Jim Beam Bottle Series, #105, "Zimmerman Cherub" and #122, "Blue Slot Machine", on U.S. copper cent. Will pay \$2.00 each, plus your postage, or trade you (one for one) Numbers 69, 70, 71, or 72 on silver 10¢. Also want to buy Beams #145 thru 200 on U.S. cents. If you have any of these numbers let me know numbers and price. Don A. Wilkinson, 5700 Flagler Street, Metairie, LA 70003.

Question?? Was there a T.E.C. Membership Coin rolled for 1966? Anyone have one for sale or trade?? Write: Don Wilkinson, 5700 Flagler St. Metairie, LA. 70003

RETIREDDON A. WILKINSON
TEC NO. 1079

RETIRED - RETIREMENT, I wonder what it means for my wife and me? We'll be finding out soon. Yep, after being in the work force for over 40 years I won't be obligated to go to work for our bread and board again.

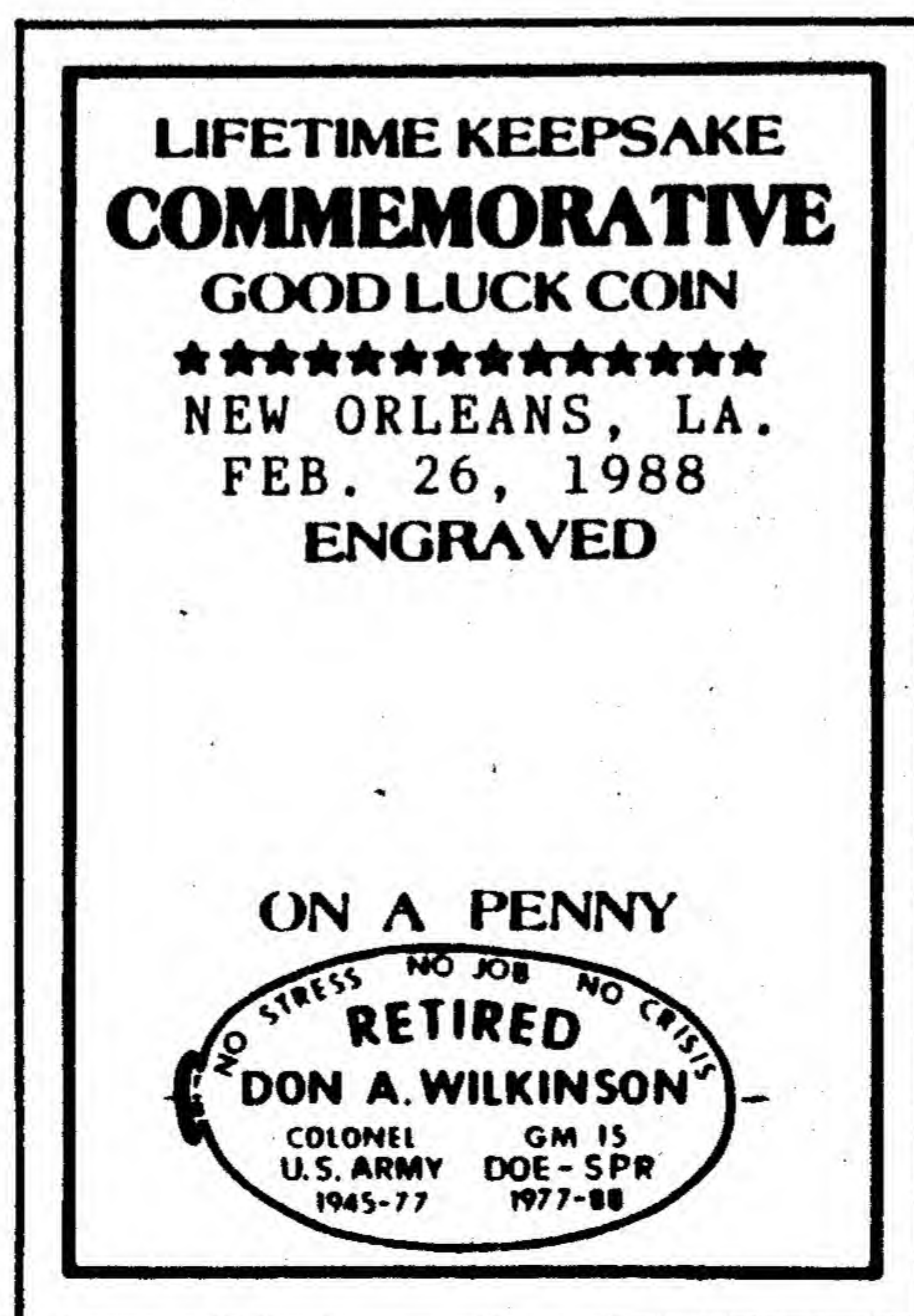
Not long ago when asked "What does retirement mean to you?", I responded "Doing what I want to do!". I wonder if that is really the way it is?

I have led an exceptionally active working life, all of it being in the federal sector in support of our country's security objectives. A career in the Regular Army and the last 10 years with the Operations element of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve Project. Its been exciting and for the most part very pleasurable.

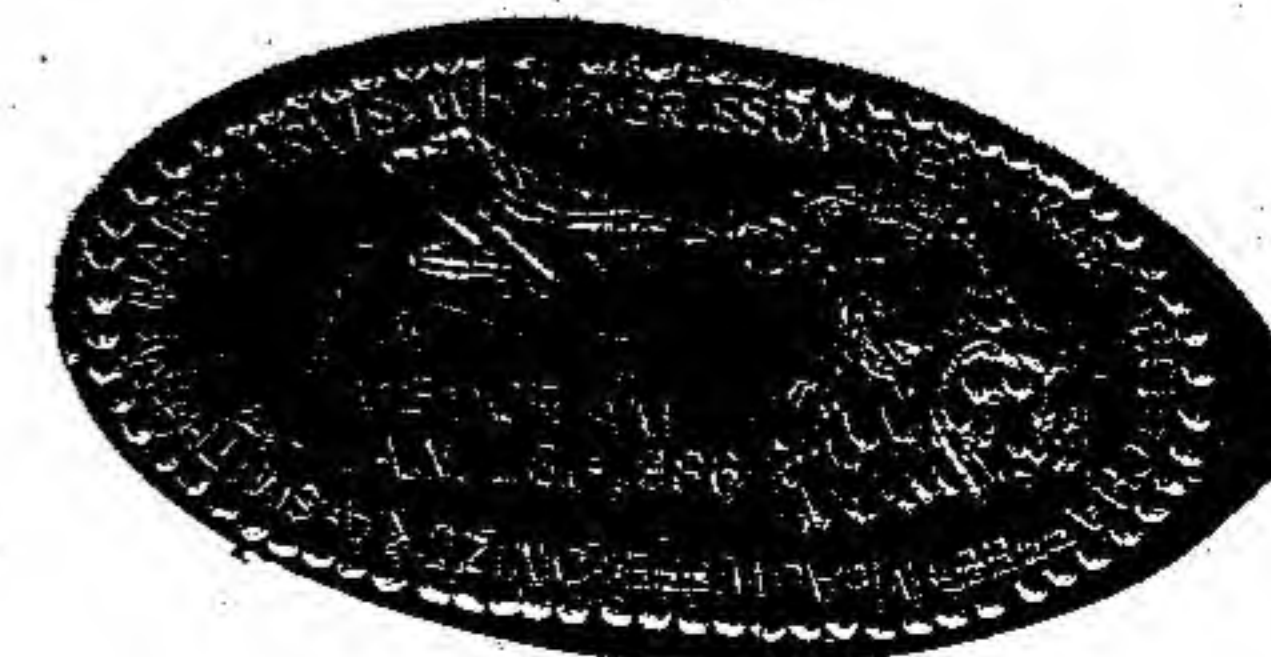
I have reached almost all my goals and aspirations, exceeding some, falling short on a few. There have been some disappointments and rough times to be sure, but over all, the successes were many and the results gratifying. A wonderful wife, thirty eight years of marriage, good health and five children raised, married and doing well. Will we adjust our priorities as we embark on this new era of our married lives? I expect we will further emphasize the bringing of pleasure and comfort to each other, our children and their families.

To celebrate and commemorate this new era, I did a Retirement elongated. It capsulates my working period and marks the beginning of this new phase of our lives - The Golden Years and Senior Citizenship!

We want to thank Don for The Elongated Cent in this Issue.



We also want to thank Henry Bessler for his Elongated in Memory of 7 Astronauts that is in part of the Newsletters this time.





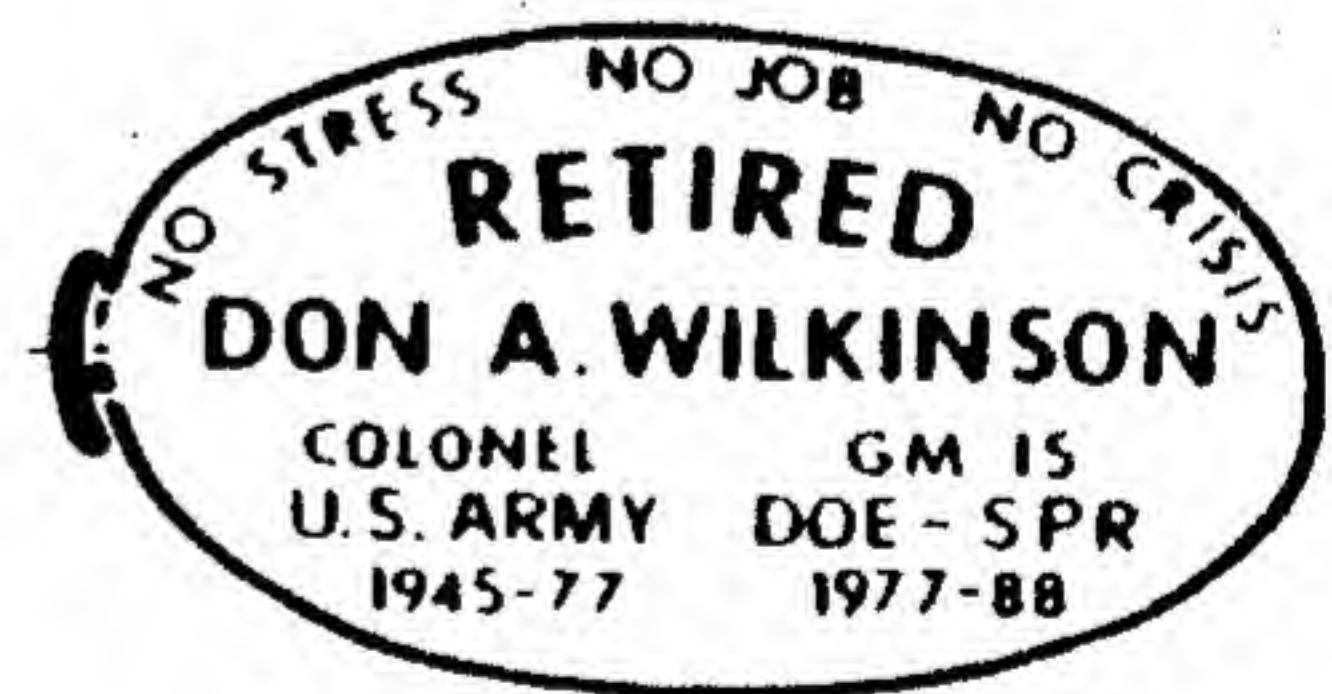
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June 7, 1988

1989 ELONGATED CALENDAR

Do you want to be a part of history? Would you like to have your name and birthday on a calendar? Now is your chance! Elongated Advertising of Alaska is now putting together a 1989 calendar. We are soliciting general information that will be of interest to the elongated collector; ie: 1st T.E.C. meeting, etc., these items will be printed free of charge. Personal information; ie: your name on your birthdate, will cost \$1.00 for a 25 character line, be sure to count all letters, spaces, and punctuation marks. Time is short - send your entries to: Bert Samsa, 611 Cowles St. Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

FOR SALE: Elongated Cents, STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE, 2 different- Map or Logo. CRESCENT CITY COIN CLUB, 2 different - 1986 Fall Show or 25th Anniversary. GRIT, Family Newspaper. GRANITE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, I-27 Amarillo. SALTY, Shriner Clown, with or without personal card. RETIRED, No Job, No Stress. REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION 1988, Any 2 for \$1.00 or any 5 for \$2.00 and SASE. Send to Don A. Wilkinson, 5700 Flagler St., Metairie, Louisiana, 70003



Also have Lord's Prayer, Martin-Dow #dbHDPG No 6. Unique - grab notch at bottom! On 1960 cent \$2.50 with SASE. (No SASE if combined with an order of the above coins.)

If you are not able to make it to the ANA and TEC Meeting but would like one of the Elongated Coins the Club will be giving away at the Club Table then just send a S.A.S.E. to Frank Brazzell, 53 So. 20th St and receive 2 of the Elongated Coins, like the ones pictured here. They are FREE! Send your S.A.S.E. today.



At this time our membership is in good standing totals 307. This includes 71 new members in 1988 and compares with a total membership of 254 at the same time last year. The 53 member increase includes a reduction, by death, of 11 of our members and the request for withdraw by two more. Even though, for some reason or another 46 have not yet paid for 1988, (many will still come in) our organization continues to expand. Isn't it great! So much for statistics.

The Convention is coming! The Convention is coming! In fact it's almost here and I am looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting many of our newer members for the first time. (Hopefully some of our older members also) Those of you who are planning to attend be sure to check the schedule for our meetings. We always have two, one meeting of the Board of Directors, plus a general membership meeting. All members are welcome to attend both. The Board meetings are a little dull but if you have any input regarding the operation of our organization, you should attend. Now the general meeting is something else. It is full of fun and full of activity. It is always well attended and if you want a good seat you should get there early. There will be a few reports and comments by the various officers and some interesting members. Some may reveal some interesting stories and experiences. All members will be introduced and it is always interesting to see who is there. Then we will have our popular auction. After the auction small bags of assorted elongated coins will be handed out. Then we will adjourn for a social period to renew old acquaintances and make new ones.

Note: If you have something to donate for the auction- it is not too late- Bring it along if you are coming to the meeting. All donations will be acknowledged and very much appreciated.

Now it is not all fun and games. You might be button-holed and asked to help out at the TEC table. It will be a long week and we need lots of help. Please Volunteer! You don't have to be an expert and you will always have someone to assist you in meeting and greeting members and visitors that stop by. Actually it is fun. Even if you can't attend the meetings and can't work, stop by and say Hi! anyway. We will be glad to see you. We will not be difficult to find. Just locate the club row at the rear of the midway of the Bourse Room and we will be right in the middle, the most active booth there. I am not bragging. That is a fact.

Another reason for stopping by the booth is to pick up your Convention Badge. We have only 47 advance orders at this time but will have a few extra badges available at the show for those who have not ordered yet. Our badges are rolled on Quarters and mounted on attractive flag ribbons that hang from a pin. They sell for \$5.00 each and are a real bargain. Limited issue, (die has been cancelled) Made each year to commemorate ANA and TEC convention since 1967 and have become real collectors items. Most of you know I deal in Elongated coins and I buy old badges when they are available. Some years are very scarce and command prices of \$25.00 to \$35.00 as only 50 or so were made. Some dates there were 72 to 100 made and are still found in collections for close to issue price, and are bargains.

Sick Report!

Many members have written to me inquiring about the health of our president Frank Brazzell and to offer their best wishes. I am sure that his message will contain a better update than I could write at this time. I just want to add my best wishes and offer to help any way I can.

Doug Fairbanks Sr., TEC # 623

Reports that he has been under the weather recently, first with pleurisy, second with shingles, third with cancer of the right kidney. The kidney is scheduled to be removed in September.

Dick Olsen TEC # 1094

Reports that he was temporarily handicapped due to an on-the-job accident. He is a Service Man for the Michigan Gas Co. and was involved in a building explosion. He claims that it was nothing serious and he was just crippled for awhile.

Reports prostate problems but tests proved benign. Good to hear he is getting along good.

Jack W. Gladfelter TEC # 18

Reports that he was in "bad shape" earlier this spring due to congestive heart failure. He was in two different hospitals and had six different doctors. At the time of his letter he was at home starting to get his strength back but had to take things easy because of his heart.

Rita Stankiewicz TEC # 69

Reports in April that she was recuperating from gall bladder surgery after spending 23 days in the hospital. Surgery had to be postponed until after an inflamed pancreas and fever were cleared up. This along with her previous heart attack are not what she thought retirement was going to be like.

William Lafond TEC # 1039

Bill is a disabled veteran and reports that some days are better than others. I don't know what his injury is but he enjoys elongated coins and likes to hear from members of TEC. Why not drop him a line and send him a coin while your at it.

Obituries

I am sad to report that the following have passed away and jointly extend our sympathy to the surviving relatives. I also encourage members to write to extend personal condolences.

Barbara Izzo TEC # 662 reports that her husband John Izzo TEC #661 passed away March 31, 1988 due to heart attack. Barbara is now living at 205 Sycamore Ave. Hillsdale, N.J. 07642

Grant Smith TEC # 1178

Mail returned marked "Deceased" return to sender. Address Rt.#1 Box 2, Cemetery Rd. Thornton, W.VA. 26440

B. Norman Frisch TEC # 1058

Mrs June Frisch reports that her husband had a massive stroke and was unable to pull through. Address 12506 Louise Ave. Fork, MD. 21051

Elloitt Goldberg, Past Vice Presiden of TEC from West Roxbury, Mass. passed away Word received from one of our members but no details at this time.

In mentioning some VIP's in the last Newsletter, several reminded me that I overlooked Virginia Aldridge. For this I am sorry. I probably missed others also. That is the hazard of mentioning names frequently it is difficult to see the forest because of the trees or visa versa.

Ginnie is current President of the Virginia Numismatic Association and of course has been active in TEC for years. She has served in many important functions including the office of Vice President with Chester Rogers. She is also one of our Board of Directors and is club historian. The only reason that she did not seek to become our president is because she did not feel she could do justice to both organizations at the same time. We love you Ginnie and are very proud of you. Please accept my apology for the oversight. But now you must write us a story to explain your background and experiences in greater detail.

Something New!

It has been suggested by John Spadone that we should have a "Question and Answer" section in TEC News. Now I am no Deal Abby but am called Uncle Ray by a lot of people. I myself may not be an expert but have contact with a lot of people that are and am willing to try to get some answers to any serious, or not to serious questions regarding Elongated Coins that may be sent in. Lets give it a try. It should be interesting and educational. Send those questions to "Old Uncle Ray" P.O. Box 161, Fenton, MI 48430.

The response to our Biographical Questionnaire was not overwhelming but gratifying. Received a half dozen or so and will do an article next issue on them when we have more space. After reading them I am sure you will feel you are better acquainted with these members. We hope to have this as a continuing section of TEC News. Send in your now. Stop and write a little about yourself.

Sorry for not getting your article or add in this issue. Will put some in our ANA Issue and in our next TEC issue. Thank you for sending them in